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Title **Upper stopper structure of zipper**

Mail Stop Amcndment

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action date 08 / 22 / 2005, please amend the above-referenced Patent Application and first reply for response within first 2 month as following:

According to the office action, the applicant amends the Claim 2, and cancels the claim 4, adds the feature of claim 4 to the claim 2. The informality in claim 2, line 16 now is corrected as instructed. In the original specification Page 7 lines 6,7about Figs 10, the antecedent basis of Claims 6, 10 "a recess at a lateral side of the head of the teeth strip " was described as "the concave openings at the lateral edges of the teeth head of the teeth (103)", more details about the effect of the blocks (15,35) matched to the concave openings or recess is described in the same paragraph.

As the Examiner kindly cited Morin, US2,423,202 in view of Wang, US 6,070,306 and US 6,715,187 similar to the present invention. Firstly, it is known that Morin taught in his specification column 4, lines 5 to 7 "recess 23" serves the same function as the removal of the coupling end of the link 36" as depicted in his Figs. 2 and 4; otherwise, the slider could not begin to move along the stringers. In the same manner, the slider could also be retracted out from the stringer, it is also understood, because the gap or space created between the projection (20) and the enlargement (26) is fixed without any adjustment, the flat bar (18) has the fixed length, the slider could be further escaped from them, as the slider could be guided into between them, the slider could also be guided out or left out obliquely.

Secondly, as to the Wang, US 6,070,306, and US 6,715,187, it is known that Wang taught a top stop was separated from a first tooth. For example, in US 6,715,187 column 2, line 63 to 64, "an open space (5) between the top block (11) and the bottom block (12)" as depicted in its Figs. 7 and 8, the open space substantially is a cord. As known, the cord can be applied to bent to a degree that the slide can be separated and escaped out from the cord. Even the top block (11) as shown in Figs. 7 and 8, it had to be inclined to guide a slide into the open space (5) manually by the user. (a reference drawing will be attached and mailed for the Examiner's reference.) Furthermore, said Wang, US 6,715,187, has a counterpart Taiwan Patent No. 536,957 applied on 18 October 2002 and published on 11 June 2003, which is later than the Taiwan Patent No. 359982 applied on 18 April 1998 and published on 1 June 1999, as known, the present invention was partly based on the TW359982 to connect the fixing strip and an inner stopper with a connecting plate, which has the same applicant as the present invention but with different inventors.

Because aforesaid TW 536,957 of Wang is similar to the TW 359982, the inventor appealed to the TIPO, now is under trial. Enclosed with the first pages and related drawings of the TW counterparts of the cited case and the present invention related case for the Examiner's reference. (it will